



Legislation <i>Supports for persons with Disabilities Act</i> <i>Gen. Reg. 8(1)(c)</i>	Division	Social Programs	
	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Policy Name	Personal Supports	Policy # 2.1
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.0 To identify and define personal supports that may be available to eligible applicants.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** a person with a disability by whom or on whose behalf an application is made for AccessAbility Supports or Assured Income (AI).

2.2 **Assured Income (AI):** a component of AccessAbility Supports (AAS) that provides monthly financial supports to eligible applicants with disabilities to use towards securing basic needs.

2.3 **Capability Assessment:** a systemic process for determining strengths and identifying potential support needs for applicants with a disability.

2.4 **Natural Supports:** relationships that occur in everyday life and usually include family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and acquaintances. Natural supports may also include community resources.

2.5 **Personal Supports:** goods, services, or funds to assist a person with a disability to alleviate restrictions in the person's ability to function in the person's home, the community or a workplace that are attributable to the person's disability.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENTS

3.1 Personal Supports are intended to provide safe, individualized, and flexible support to applicants by providing funding to purchase supports directly related to the applicant's disability needs to enable the applicant to remain living independently.

3.2 Personal Supports may include:

- behavioral supports
- capacity building
- daily living supports
- independent living
- life skills development
- specialized care
- supervision
- technical aids and assistive devices

3.3 An applicant may only receive Personal Supports directly related to their disability after all other available sources of assistance have been utilized. Personal Supports may be provided to address an unmet need of an applicant, that is directly related to the applicant's disability, after all other available sources of assistance are utilized.

3.4 Personal Supports are intended to provide individualized support to an applicant. An applicant is eligible to receive funding for disability specific supports to a maximum of the applicant's monthly funding ceiling level.



- 3.5 Personal Supports are intended to supplement the existing natural supports that an applicant receives.
- 3.6 Personal Supports shall not delay, prevent, replace, or serve as an alternative to existing natural supports or available government and community services.
- 3.7 Where an applicant is under 18 years of age, Personal Supports shall not replace parental responsibilities. Consideration may be given to disability-specific supports identified through the applicant's capability assessment.
- 3.8 Applicants under 12 years of age are not eligible for supervision support. Supervision support shall not replace parental childcare responsibilities and is for applicants aged 12 or older who require continuous supervision enabling the primary care provider(s) to attend school, work, or other activities.
- 3.9 Applicants must have the funding available within their monthly funding ceiling level to be eligible for Personal Supports.
- 3.10 Exceptional requests for support may be considered where an applicant requires specialized care in helping with toileting, bathing, personal hygiene or any other required specialized care supports. When assessing exceptional requests for payment to a natural support, the Department will review the following:
 - available funding in the applicant's maximum monthly funding ceiling;
 - the care provider skills and abilities to meet the care needs of the applicant;
 - the availability of alternative options to meet the applicant's care needs; and



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- the level of specialized care required by the applicant exceeding what would normally be provided by a natural support.

4.0 REFERENCES

4.1 *Prince Edward Island: Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act Gen. Reg. 8(1)(c)(2021)*

4.2 *Policy 2.6 Technical Aids and Assistive Devices*